

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **REISSUE** Patent Application of:)
Michael A. Tzannes et al.) Group Art Unit: 2631 (expected)
Patent No. **6,252,909**) Examiner: Khai TRAN (expected)
Patent Date: **June 26, 2001**
Filed: February 25, 1997)
For: MULTI-CARRIER TRANSMISSION) Date: June 26, 2003
SYSTEM UTILIZING CHANNELS OF
DIFFERENT BANDWIDTH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.173

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP Chapter **1442** and Chapter **708**, it is requested the Examiner treat this application as “Special” and take up for immediate action this application in advance of any other application, including “special” applications, except for reissues involved in “litigation,” and treat and respond to all issues immediately.

Please amend the above-identified reissue patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached hereto are renumbered Figs. 1-17. The Examiner is kindly requested to approve the changes made in red and provide an indication thereof to Applicants.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph under “**Field of the Invention**” with:

The present invention relates to data transmission systems, and more particularly, to an improved multi-carrier transmission system. The present invention further relates to audio compression and decompression systems.